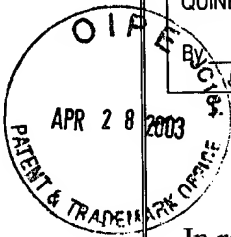


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In re application of:

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For: **PROTEIN KINASE C EPSILON AS
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ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, AND SELF-
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period for response by 3 months.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as follows.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 60-63 and 69 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

56. (Amended) A method of screening for an agent that modulates anxiety, said method comprising:

a) exposing a PKCε to a test agent;

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